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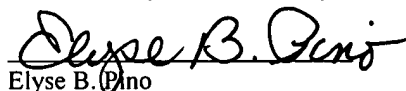
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 (Paper No. 18), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this amendment.